



# 4TH ANNUAL JAG-A-THON

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018 OLDE FOREST RACQUET CLUB

### PLAYING OPTIONS:

- KIDS CLINIC • AGES 3-10 • 9-10AM
- ADULT/JUNIOR ROUND ROBIN • 10:15AM-12:45PM
- ADULT ROUND ROBIN • TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL • 1-3PM

### PRICING: All tennis sign-ups include dinner

- \$10 AGES 10 & UNDER
- \$25 AGES 11-18 (FOR THE ADULT/JUNIOR ROUND ROBIN)
- \$30 DINNER AND EXHIBITION MATCH ONLY
- \$50 ADULT (18+)
- \$100 PLAYING BOTH? GET THE COMBO PRICE! ADULT/JUNIOR AND ADULT ROUND ROBIN - INCLUDES CHILD AND ADULT

### WATCHING OPTIONS:

- INVITATIONAL ROUND ROBIN 3:15-5:45 pm - STICK AROUND TO WATCH SOME FUN AND COMPETITIVE TENNIS!
- 2ND ANNUAL EXHIBITION MATCH 7-8 pm - WATCH THE PROS GO AT IT FOR THE 2ND YEAR IN A ROW!

Dinner includes oysters, BBQ & chicken with fixins', & BYOB.

There will be music and a silent auction. Dress is casual. Rain or shine!

RSVP to play and for dinner by Monday, October 1, to Stacy at OFRC 336-449-7121 or [clubmanager@oldeforest.com](mailto:clubmanager@oldeforest.com).



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Proceeds benefit the Patricia G. Bynum Fund which assists local cancer patients with their basic needs such as rent, utilities, transportation, and food. Please make checks payable to OFRC.





Born and raised in Mysore, India, Jag Gowda is no stranger to beating the odds. Like many boys, Jag was motivated by his father. He owned an engineering firm and was an accomplished tennis player. When Jag was 12, he started going to the club in town - it looked fun! It was there that he was introduced to tennis and became hooked!

Jag was a natural athlete and when he first picked up a racquet, those around him knew he had extraordinary potential. His father and club mentors led Jag to develop an unbridled work ethic and to set big goals: to be 1st at the club, then 1st in the city, then 1st in the county, then 1st in the state, then 1st in the country, then...

Jag steadily met and exceeded his goals in his teenage years. His father quit his job so he could mentor Jag on and off the tennis court year round. He became home schooled so he could play tennis during the day and study at night. He continued to excel in school and on the court.

At age 17, Jag was one of the top two junior players in India, providing him an automatic entry into each grand slam tournament. Five days before departing for the French Open, Jag became ill and could not travel. Jag pressed forward and began playing ATP tournaments around the world, including the U.S.

In the summer of 1983, at age 19, Jag gave his friend a ride to Wilson to begin playing tennis at Atlantic Christian (now Barton College). There, Jag had a chance encounter with Coach Parham, who convinced him to "try college for 1 semester." Jag recalls thinking, "What do I have to lose? Education is very important and I might as well get educated in America." His parents agreed! In 1984, Jag was an integral part of Atlantic Christian's NAIA men's tennis championship team.

After college, Jag put his business degree, love of tennis, and desire to teach to work at Raleigh Racquet Club. After 3 years, he moved to Olde Forest Racquet Club to serve as a teaching pro. He found a home with the people of Alamance County and has had a profound impact on those he teaches, especially kids. He always puts others ahead of himself and his positive attitude and magnetic energy has rippled throughout the community he has taught.

Jag's wife, Lesia, has been a consistent and stable companion for many years. Their 12th grade son, Alex, has been a joy for them both. Alex, like Jag, is a naturally gifted athlete that has truly benefited from his parent's steady influence and motivation.

In 2012, Jag was diagnosed with stage 4 adenocarcinoma, a form of lung cancer. While shocked by the diagnosis, his response was, "There is nothing in life that you can or cannot do." He decided he would fight cancer and once again beat the odds. Shortly after his diagnosis, he enrolled in a clinical trial that will hopefully benefit the next generation. Through the trial, he receives chemotherapy every 21 days.

During his treatments, Jag developed relationships with other cancer patients and quickly realized most were having more trouble than him - some did not have transportation, some had no family or support system, and other's health was much worse than his. Jag reflects, "After each treatment, the Chaplain stops by and offers to pray with me. I ask the Chaplain to not pray for me, but to pray for the others in the cancer community who are struggling more than I am." Throughout his cancer treatments, Jag has maintained his focus and desire to serve others - his character has never wavered.

Today, 6 1/2 years after his diagnosis, Jag is the last remaining patient in the clinical trial and he continues to battle cancer. He has gained strength from his family, the ARMC Cancer Center community and he continues to beat the odds. While it generally takes 7 days to fully recover from treatments, no one would ever know! Both teaching and playing tennis help him recover and he is currently playing some of his best tennis in 20 years.

Character, community, service and simplicity are words that define Jag and the ways in which he lives his life. Please join us at the 4th annual Jag-A-Thon on October 13, 2018 to recognize Jag and his deep desire to raise funds for local cancer patients in dire need.